

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1 and 17 are currently being amended.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,939,105 to A.H. Christy ("Christy"). It is submitted that claims 1, 3, 5, 17 and 19 are patentable over Christy, since Christy does not disclose every element in the rejected claims. Christy discloses a groove configured to receive a mating electrical element as illustrated in Figure 1 of Christy. In contrast, the groove in the instant invention is configured for being molded into a plastic battery casing to create a seal between the terminal and battery casing to prevent acid from seeping between the terminal and casing. Claim 1 requires that the groove extend 360 degrees about the body. In contrast the groove identified by the Examiner in Christy extends in a linear manner though the post, but does not extend substantially 360 degrees about the body. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1 is patentable over Christy. Claims 3, and 5 depend from claim 1 and are patentable over Christy for at least the same reason.

Similarly, claim 17 is patentable over Christy because Christy does not disclose every element of claim 17. Specifically, Christy does not disclose a groove extending substantially 360 degrees about a portion of the body as recited in claim 17. Accordingly claim 17 is patentable over Christy. Claim 19 depends from claim 17 and is patentable over Christy for at least the same reason.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 3-11, 14-21, 23-26, and 29-32 are now pending in this application.

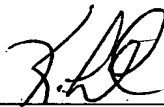
Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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